

I think the thing that we need to remember as Americans is that while people have different talents, their commitment is always to their fellow man.

What I remember about Roberto Clemente was just how involved he was in Puerto Rico and in the islands because he knew they needed help.

On that day in 1972, in a DC-3 airplane loaded with medical supplies and food supplies, Clemente took off on a trip that would never reach the end he desired. The cargo shifted in the airplane, and the plane went into a spin and dove into the ocean.

We lost Roberto Clemente that day. We didn't just lose a great baseball player and a Hall of Fame player. We lost somebody else. On the back side of this, this is, perhaps, the picture—if you were to ask Roberto Clemente what uniform he liked the most, it would have been a toss-up between the Pittsburgh Pirates and U.S. Marines uniforms.

Roberto Clemente served in the Marine Corps from 1959 to 1962. In that time period, he was on the All-Star team and won a World Series twice, but again, it was his efforts to help his fellow human beings that we remember the most.

A tragic loss for us, but also something for all young people to look at and say: I want to be like him.

Also, Dr. JOYCE spoke earlier today about the loss of Pittsburgh Steelers running back and Hall of Famer Franco Harris.

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Madam Speaker, I had the blessing of actually knowing Mr. Harris, he was a very imposing figure and he was a phenomenal athlete. When we think of Franco Harris, this is a picture of him. This is the last tackler that was trying to get him. He picked up a pass that ricocheted off a guy name Frenchie Fuqua and ran it into the end zone. The Pittsburgh Steelers ended up winning their first championship game that day.

In addition to his years in the NFL and in addition to the years of being an idol in the Pittsburgh community, Franco Harris was something else. Franco Harris was very approachable. Franco Harris always had time for those who needed something.

Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey said today that Franco always said yes to helping our food banks, blood drives, and youth sports leagues. He loved this city and this city loved him. His memory will always be a blessing for the people of Pittsburgh.

When you think of these two athletes—not only their great prowess on the field of play, but their commitment to their fellow human beings—the thing that we really have to sort out and dwell on, especially at this time of the year, is that these are incredible people who did incredible things both on the field of athletics, but more importantly in the city in which they

lived and for the people that were around them.

Roberto Clemente died in a mercy flight to Nicaragua and Franco died this morning just days before the Pittsburgh Steelers were going to retire his number and honor the 50th anniversary of the “Immaculate Reception.”

#### RECOGNIZING JERRY KONTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Konter, a builder and developer from Savannah, who on February 2 will conclude his successful term as the 2022 chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

As chairman, Jerry has worked with both the administration and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to provide solutions for our Nation's growing housing affordability crisis. This is an especially important issue and it is refreshing to have someone as knowledgeable and passionate as Jerry come to Washington with solutions and the know-how to make them a reality.

Jerry also recognizes the importance of giving back to his community. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Savannah Humane Society, as president of the Jewish Educational Alliance, and as a member of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and the First Congressional District of Georgia, I thank Jerry for all of his hard work.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WARE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ware County High School football team for winning the Class 5A State championship in the State of Georgia. This is a first and long-overdue State title for the Gators. They finished the season with a 14-0 record—also a first for the school.

Ware County faced no trouble as they cruised through four playoff games. They allowed only 27 points to be scored by their opponents. The Gators entered the championship game having allowed just 90 points all season. Their defense was one of the best in the State.

In their title matchup, the Gators faced the Warner Robins Demons, a Georgia powerhouse program known for their historic success. Warner Robins was a two-time defending State champion coming off of a historic 2021 season.

The Gators held Warner Robins to only 13 points and brought the title back home to Waycross.

Congratulations to the Ware County Gators, you made the First Congressional District of Georgia proud.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Benedictine High School football team for winning the Class 4A State championship in the State of Georgia.

This is the second year in a row that the Cadets have won the title. In fact, over the last 12 years, the Cadets have won the State title four times.

Benedictine faced no trouble in the playoffs, scoring a combined 155 points. The Cadets, known for their strong defensive teams, only allowed their opponents to score 51 points during their playoff run.

In their title matchup, Benedictine beat Cedartown 14-13. It was the Benedictine defense that won the game for the Cadets as the unit made a goal-line stand in a driving rainstorm in the final seconds of the game.

Congratulations, Benedictine, you have made the First Congressional District of Georgia proud.

#### RECOGNIZING STETSON BENNETT OF THE GEORGIA BULLDOGS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize one of the First District of Georgia's finest, quarterback Stetson Bennett of the Georgia Bulldogs.

Stetson Bennett has now cemented himself as one of the greatest quarterbacks in the history of the University of Georgia.

Last week, Stetson finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting. Stetson was the first Georgia quarterback to be named a Heisman finalist and the first Bulldog to make the final cut for the award since Garrison Hearst in 1992.

This season, Stetson finished with 3,435 passing yards, 27 total touchdowns, and a completion rate of 68 percent through 13 games. He also showed off his speed, tacking on 148 yards rushing.

In the SEC championship game, Stetson threw for 274 yards and four touchdowns. Bennett will lead the Bulldogs into the college football playoff as they take on the Ohio State Buckeyes in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

Madam Speaker, I wish Stetson and the Bulldogs good luck as they try to become the first school to win back-to-back titles in college football playoff history.

Congratulations, Stetson, and Go Dawgs.

#### FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, this is my last speech on the House floor. I have given hundreds of speeches on this floor, but there will be no more. I am reminded of a quotation, each of us is called to do something, and if we don't do it, it won't get done.

For almost 15 years now, I have had the privilege to be in this Chamber to